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Dear Dr. Gaisch,

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Thank you for your letter of 26th February 1981.

Since I wrote to you I have had further telephone conversations with Art Palmer and also with Mr. Howard Kothe of New York, and we have tentatively fixed the dates for the next meeting as Wednesday and Thursday 25th and 26th March in London. Mr. Kothe expects to be in London on Tuesday 24th, when any preliminary matters could be dealt with. I myself have a previous appointment for the 27th and hope that this need not be disturbed.

I am looking forward to seeing the results of Mr. Mandiratta's search and also the material being brought by Mr. Kothe. I hope we shall have the opportunity of evaluating all the prior art, so that we can accurately judge the strength of our case against the B & W application.

I was interested to receive from Dr. Hach a copy of his letter to you of 12th February discussing the possible relevance of the earlier Philip Morris patent (Osmalov). I appreciate the difficulties to which he alludes but also note his observation that the usefulness of the Osmalov patent is certainly not excluded.

If it is possible, I should like to see the results of Mr. Mandiratta's search before the proposed meeting at the end of March. If there are any difficulties at your end with regard to the meeting, no doubt you will let me know as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

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